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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 9-25 and 28-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 9-25 and 28-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/24/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9-10, 13-16, 20-21, 25, 28-29, 32-35 and 41-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Capps [US. 5,666,502] in view of the Screen Dumps (Microsoft Office).

As to claims 1, 16, 20, 35 and 41-43, Capps discloses a first displaying step of displaying an input screen for inputting a character string on a display (figure 5A, column 10, lines 45-65),

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a cursor designating step of designating, in the input screen displayed in the first displaying step, a cursor at a position on the input screen at which the character string is to be input (figure 5A-5B, column 10, line 45 through column 11, line 13);

a second displaying step of after the position of the cursor is designated in the input screen in the cursor designating step, displaying a list including a plurality of registered character strings on the display when a user enters an instruction to display the list (figure 5B, (200), column 11, lines 1-13);

selecting, based on a user instruction, a user desired character string from the plurality of the character strings displayed in the list in said second displaying step (figure 5B, column 11, lines 1-13 and lines 31-61);

in response to the user's selection of the registered character string in the selecting step, automatically inserting in the input screen displayed in the first displaying step the selected user desired character string at the designated position of the cursor designated in the cursor designating step (figure 7, column 12, line 24 through column 13, line 18) when the user desired character string is selected in said selecting step; Capps also teaches the step of character editing (column 11, lines 31-65).

Capps fails to clearly teach the feature of the inserted character string being added to image information which is to be sent to a destination. However, Microsoft Word (Screen Dumps) teaches this limitation at figure 6. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine the Microsoft Word teaching with the Capps's teachings. Motivation of the combining is to

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provide users extra information.

As to claims 2 and 21, Capps also discloses the selection of the character string being achieved by an instruction which designates a position in a region of the display screen in which the character string to be selected is displayed (figure 5B, column 11, lines 1-14 and 32-61).

As to claims 6 and 25, Capps also shows the plurality of character strings having been registered through an operation performed by the user (figures 5B, 6A-6B, column 11, lines 14-31 and 61-6).

As to claims 9-10 and 28-29, Capps discloses the selected character string being input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent (figure 7, column 12, lines 24-67).

As to claims 13, 15, 32 and 34, Capps teaches instruction being given through a touch panel and the instruction being given through a coordinate input device (figure 5B, column 11, lines 31-62).

As to claims 14 and 33, Capps teaches instruction being given through a digitizer (column 5, lines 25-37).

Claims 3-5, 11-12, 17-19, 22-24, 30-31 and 36-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Capps [US. 5,666,502] in view of Microsoft Office and further in view of An et al. [US. 5,936,614].

As to claims 3, 4, 22 and 23, Capps in view of Microsoft Office fails to clearly teach a soft keyboard. However, An et al. shows the limitation at column 8, line 60 through column 9, line 12. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine An's teaching of the soft keyboard with the modified Microsoft Office registered character strings. Motivation of the combination would have been to store the character string by the soft keyboard to save time for the users.

As to claims 5 and 24, Capps in view of Microsoft Office fails to clearly teach the list including the registered character strings being displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen. However, An et al. shows the list including the registered character strings being displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen, in response to said instruction (column 13, lines 11-30). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine An's teaching of the soft keyboard with the modified Microsoft Office registered character strings. Motivation of the combination would have been to store the character strings by the soft keyboard to save time for the users.

As to claims 11 and 30, Capps in view of Microsoft Office fails to clearly teach the

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display of the registered character strings being displayed on an operation panel of a copying machine. However, An et al. show the feature at column 1, lines 31-53. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine An's teaching of the soft keyboard with the modified Microsoft Office registered character strings. Motivation of the combination would have been to store the character strings by the soft keyboard to save time for the users.

As to claims 12 and 31, Capps in view of Microsoft Office fails to clearly teach the selected character string being output by means of a printer. However, An et al. show the feature at column 14, line 60 through column 15, line 19. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine An's teaching of the soft keyboard with the modified Microsoft Office's registered character strings. Motivation of the combination would have been to store the character strings by the soft keyboard to save time for the users.

As to claims 17,18, 36-37 and 39-40, Capps in view of Microsoft Office fails to clearly teach the editorial instruction being to add or delete a character. However, An et al. show the feature at column 2, lines 35-48. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine An's teaching of the soft keyboard with the modified Microsoft Office registered character strings. Motivation of the combination would have been to help the user having a desired character string.

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As to claims 19 and 38, Capps in view of Microsoft Office fails to clearly teach the instruction being input through a displayed soft keyboard. However, An et al. show the features at column 3, lines 10-47. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine An's teaching of the soft keyboard with the modified Microsoft Office registered character strings. Motivation of the combination would have been to store the character strings by the soft keyboard to save time for the users.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6, 9-25 and 28-43 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mylinh Tran. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4141.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo, can be reached at 571-272-4847.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

571-273-8300

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